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## **JERSEYVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF AN UNREGISTERED MACHINEGUN**

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on July 25, 2006, **GREGORY R. MUGGE**, age 52, of Jerseyville, Illinois entered a plea of guilty to an Information charging Possession of an Unregistered Machinegun, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861. The offense carries a maximum penalty of up to ten years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000 and up to three years supervised release. Sentencing has been scheduled for October 27, 2006.

The prosecution is the result of the MUGGE's possession of a machinegun on December 29, 2005, which was not registered in the National Firearm's Registration and Transfer Record. The machinegun was recovered from MUGGE's residence in Jerseyville, Illinois. The machinegun was a Colt .2234 caliber rifle with a drop in auto sear. In a stipulation of facts entered into as part of the plea, MUGGE acknowledged that the machinegun was not possessed under the authority of the United States nor under the authority of the State, or a department, agency, or political subdivision thereof. The successful prosecution is the result of an investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorneys James Crowe and Norman Smith.